

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

In yet another embodiment, a down-hole pumping unit 40 may be installed in cavity 18, as illustrated in FIGURE 1, to pump drilling fluid and cuttings to surface 22 through drainage well 14. This eliminates the friction of air and fluid returning through articulated well 16 and may reduce down-hole pressure to nearly zero.